



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

March 2012

APOTC website www.apotcerie.org.

Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 3520 Perry Street, Erie, PA

Club Officers:

President:	Lee-Ann Czytuck
Vice-President:	Melanie Shufran
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
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Club News

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

The Babies and Dogs program will be held at UPMC Hamot on the third Tuesday of April, July and October, 2012. The Babies & Dogs program has a PowerPoint presentation which focuses on ideas and safety issues on how to introduce the baby and plan ahead for all the changes that will occur when bringing the baby home. It is done with our dogs in attendance as well. APOTC trainers and dogs show the importance of having a positive relationship and bond with your dog; keeping in mind the need for good management and a plan for a safe zone for the dog and baby. Also, the need to continue working on obedience is encouraged. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

The APOTC classes will be held at Emmanuel Presbyterian and are scheduled as follows:
Spring class will start March 29, 2012 and Fall class will start September 13, 2012.

Upcoming Events

Bridget Carlsen will conduct an obedience training seminar on June 2, 3 and 4, 2012 in Rochester, NY. The areas to be covered are Training Fundamentals and Motivational Techniques, Heeling with Enthusiasm, and Problem Solving. The Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester NY is sponsoring the seminar. For more information contact Gail Binder at GEB3679@rit.edu or 585-265-4036.

Come to the Agility Match offered by APOTC following the Butler Dog Training Association Agility Trial on Friday, March 9, 2012. The match will start 30 minutes after the last class runs on Friday. The cost is \$5 for first run and \$3 for second run.

APOTC will sponsor the CGC test on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Ann Gehrlein's training building. The fee is \$7 per dog and registration will begin at 10 am. A flyer will be forthcoming.

***Beagles Have Their Year!
Curious and Comedic Breed Overtakes Yorkies
to Place Third on Most-Popular List***

-- Lovable Labs Hold Top Spot for 21 Years While Rottweiler Moves Into the Top 10 --

Look out Lab, the American Kennel Club® (AKC) has announced that the Beagle has overtaken the beloved Yorkshire Terrier to become the third most popular dog breed in the U.S., according to AKC registration statistics released today. The Golden Retriever also made a strong push into the top ranks – advancing from the fifth to the fourth most popular dog breed – and the Rottweiler made news by unseating the Shih Tzu – which had been in the top 10 since 2000. But fans of the Labrador Retriever need not fear: the beloved Lab remains the champ – a spot it has now held for 21 consecutive years – thanks to its well-earned reputation for playfulness and loyalty and its use as a police and search-and-rescue dog.

"While the Labrador Retriever has proven once again to be a family favorite, this year clearly belongs to the Beagle," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The Beagle's merry personality combined with his love of outdoor activities make him such a wonderful family pet that I wouldn't be surprised to see this spunky breed sniff his way to the top of the list next year."

2011 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.	2010 Ranking
1. Labrador Retriever	1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog	2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Beagle	3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Golden Retriever	4. Beagle
5. Yorkshire Terrier	5. Golden Retriever
6. Bulldog	6. Bulldog
7. Boxer	7. Boxer
8. Poodle	8. Dachshund
9. Dachshund	9. Poodle
10. Rottweiler	10. Shih Tzu

Most Notable Dog Trends in 2011 Include:

- Larger dogs are moving up, with the [Labrador Retriever](#) (1), [German Shepherd Dog](#) (2), [Golden Retriever](#) (4), [Boxer](#) (7), and [Rottweiler](#) (10) all making this year's top ten.
- It is the year of the Setters, with all four making big jumps over the past year – the [English Setter](#) (from 101 to 87), the [Irish Setter](#) (from 77 to 70), the [Irish Red and White Setter](#) (150 to 147), and the [Gordon Setter](#) (from 98 to 94).
- Coonhounds made the largest tumble – the [Black and Tan Coonhound](#) (from 91 to 109) and the [Bluetick Coonhound](#) (from 119 to 136) had the biggest decrease in rankings this year. The [Redbone Coonhound](#) also dropped from 122 to 126.
- Terriers are making a comeback! Closing the gap this year, a couple of breeds that had been on the decline over the past decade have risen up the ranks over the past year – [Bedlington Terriers](#) (from 140 to 134), [Border Terriers](#) (from 83 to 80), and [Dandie Dinmont Terriers](#) (from 164 to 160).
- Among smaller dogs that rose in the rankings this year are the [Brussels Griffon](#) (from 80 to 77) and the [Manchester Terrier](#) (121 to 119).
- This past decade has proven that bigger is better, with larger breeds continuing to increase in popularity. Among them: the [Bernese Mountain Dog](#) (from 54 to 34), the [Greater Swiss Mountain Dog](#) (from 101 to 82), the [Bullmastiff](#) (from 49 to 40), the [Rhodesian Ridgeback](#) (from 57 to 44), the [Irish Wolfhound](#) (from 86 to 79), and the [Belgian Malinois](#) (from 94 to 74).

A complete list of AKC's Most Popular Breeds, including statistics for 50 U.S. cities, is available on the AKC website at http://www.akc.org/reg/dogreg_stats.cfm.

